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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ENABLING  
COLLABORATIVE AUTHORIZING OF  
HIERARCHICAL DOCUMENTS WITH  
ASSOCIATED BUSINESS LOGIC

Examiner: William L. Bashore

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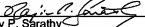
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